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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with Applicant's duty of candor under 37 CFR §1.56 and in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98, Applicant is not aware of any material prior art but, in an abundance of caution and candor, Applicant submits the present Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449.

FR 2717556 is not in the English language. It is relevant because it discloses a connector (5) which is rigid at one end which has a thread (7). The flexible tube (1) has at its end connecting to the connector constituted by longitudinal weft yarn (2) interlaced with a synthetic textile warp yarn (3,4) located in a helix. A part of the warp is metallic and is forcibly screwed onto the thread of the connector. The connector forms a nut and the tube forms a screw or vice versa. A cylindrical lip surrounding the connector threaded end covers the tube mounting end. The connector thread and the thread formed by the tube metal warp are of single or multiple threads. A plastic lubricating material (8) for sticking and sealing the parts is located between the connector threads and the tube fitting part. The connector is entirely rigid and is fixed at its end (10) opposite the tube by a flexible mounting sleeve (9).

DE19800986 is not in the English language. It is relevant because it discloses a intermediate connecting piece has a corrugated hose section (1), the end section of which is held

in a seat (2.2) in a polyethylene pipe section (2). A plastic sheath (3) covers the pipe section and hose section over a predetermined length. O-rings (4.1,4.2) are let into the corrugations between the seating surface and corrugated hose section.

FR 717210 is also not in the English language. The invention relates to a gas pipe consisting of a flexible metal pipe covered by a rubber envelope or similar and particularly characterized by the rubber end being inside a metal casing.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date and before the receipt of a first Office Action on the merits and constitutes a bona fide attempt to comply with 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

The references cited in the attached PTO-1449 first became known to Applicant through a European Search Report, copy enclosed, date February 6, 2003 which issued in connection with a corresponding foreign patent application.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97, the presentation of this information shall not be construed as a representation that no other material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56 exists, or as an admission that the information cited in this statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

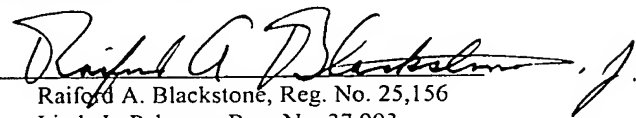
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